



Student Clubs

Supporting Community-led Conservation Efforts

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What is C3?

LET THEM DECIDE FOR
THEMSELVES!!!

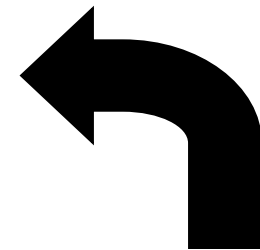
The mission of Chicago Conservation Corps is to recruit, train and support a network of volunteers who work together to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods and schools through environmental service projects that protect our water, clean our air, restore our land, and save energy.

Motto: You care. Do something. We'll help.



What is C3?

- C3 Leaders
 - Training course for adults
 - Complete an environmental service project
- C3 Explorers
 - Monthly featured events
- C3 Student Clubs
 - After-school conservation clubs



Shh!! Don't tell, but THIS is the COOLEST PART of our program!!



What is a C3 Student Club?

- **Chicago Public School or charter school**
- **6th-12th grade (with some flexibility)**
- **Student-led, teacher-facilitated**
 - We train the teachers as “liaisons.”
- **Meet after-school at least once per week**
- **Between 10 and 30 members per Club**



C3 Student Clubs

- **2 Things to Think About**
 - Audit: What is the current conservation situation at your school?
 - Action: What do YOU want to do to improve the conservation situation?





LOTS OF OPTIONS!! Some examples:

- Become faucet monitors who watch out for leaky faucets.
- Host a “Trash”y Fashion Show to educate others on reducing, reusing, and recycling.
- Start a worm bin and teach others to make their own.
- Facilitate energy savings competitions between classrooms.

What does YOUR community need? What do YOU want to do? How can WE help?



And guess what? IT WORKS!!





In the 2009-2010 School Year, 80 C3 Student Clubs...

- Donated 7000 hours of service, planned and coordinated by students.
- Diverted 80,000 pounds of trash from landfills.
- Prevented 25,000 pounds of CO₂ from entering the atmosphere.
- Saved an estimated 50 million gallons of water.
- Taught more than 10,000 people how to conserve Chicago's natural resources.



How C3 Can Support YOU

- Teacher training, CPDUs, and **stipends**
- **C3 Staff support**
- **Materials** for C3 projects
 - New Clubs
 - Club Action Project (CAP) grants
 - Cafeteria greening, energy conservation, paper reduction, reuse, and recycling
 - Weatherization
 - Change every year!
- **Field trip funds**



Opportunities for Materials, Awards, and Grants

Chicago Conservation Corps (C3) Student Clubs
Chicago Department of Environment (DOE)

2009-2010



The following organizations and programs offer a variety of materials, awards, and grants that may connect to projects undertaken by your Clubs.

311

The Bureau of Forestry can plant a tree in your school's parkway for free! Call 311 to request the tree. Once your request is received, your planting site will be investigated by Forestry Staff. If Forestry Staff decides the site is appropriate, trees are planted in the spring and fall.

Alliance for Climate Education (ACE)

This national nonprofit organization educates youth regarding climate change, focusing on empowerment and action. After participating in an ACE-run school-wide assembly, your Club is eligible to apply for a \$10,000-\$20,000 grant. Scholarships are also available to students in ACE Action Teams. For more information, contact Michael LaFemina at michael.lafemina@climateeducation.org, www.climateeducation.org

Bike Racks through the Chicago Department of Transportation

The Chicago Department of Transportation's Bicycle Program installs and maintains bike racks in Chicago as part of the [Bike 2015 Plan](#) and Mayor Daley's vision to make Chicago the most bicycle-friendly city in the nation. Request a bike rack: <http://www.chicagobikes.org/forms/bikerackrequest.php>

Chicago Department of Environment

Grants and other resources are posted on the DOE website (<http://cityofchicago.org/Environment>) as



GET INVOLVED!

- **Orientations**
 - **April 5 – 5-6 p.m.**
 - Chicago Center for Green Technology
 - 445 N. Sacramento Blvd
 - **April 13 – 4:30-5:30 p.m.**
 - Neil Elementary
 - 8555 S. Michigan Ave.
 - **April 14 – 4:30-5:30 p.m.**
 - Foreman High School
 - 3235 N. LeClaire Ave.
- **C3 Blog:** www.chicagoconservationcorps.org